



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, 15 million Americans suffer from asthma; and

WHEREAS, asthma is the leading cause of childhood hospitalizations, long term illness, and school absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, asthma is the fourth leading cause of adult work absences; and

WHEREAS, national costs resulting from asthma, including direct and indirect costs, are over \$12 billion; and

WHEREAS, approximately 137,000 Idahoans with asthma suffer varying levels of disability, decreased quality of life, and increased medical costs; and

WHEREAS, asthma affects 29,000 of Idaho's children; and

WHEREAS, public health experts predict that inadequate asthma treatment or adherence to treatment may lead to permanent lung damage and even death; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2003 to be

ASTHMA PREVENTION AND CONTROL MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-third day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Devin Isurua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DEVIN ISURUA
SECRETARY OF STATE